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In Patent Application of:

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For: **THERMOPLASTIC SPINE BOARD WITH  
ERGONOMIC FEATURES**

Examiner: Fredrick C. Conley

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

MS AF Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In further response to the Final Office Action dated September 22, 2005, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.

**Appendices** are attached on the following of page 10 of this papers.